

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Kirkpatrick et al.  
Application No. : 10/617,949  
Group Art Unit : 1614  
Examiner : Kantamneni, Shoba  
Confirmation No. : 4473  
Filing Date : July 10, 2003

For: ASYMMETRIC DISULFIDES AND METHODS OF USING SAME

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Examiner:

This is a Response to the Non-final Office Action dated September 21, 2007 in the above identified application. The Office Action set forth a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. By virtue of the enclosed Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, this response is timely filed and is fully responsive to the Office Action.

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**Remarks** being on page 6.